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D. AC/276(MBFR DATA)-WP(75)3 DTD 19 SEPT 75

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1. MBFR WORKING GROUP ON NOVEMBER 4 TOOK UP REVISED DRAFT OF "BASIC RECURRING MBFR DATA PUBLICATIONS" (AC/276-WP(75)11) WITH MCM DOCUMENT ON "WP FORCES IN NGA" AND THE NATO COMPANION VOLUME ON "NATO FORCES IN NGA" LISTED AS "PRIMARY SOURCES OF DATA" AND THREE OTHER DOCUMENTS LISTED AS "SUPPORTING MATERIAL FOR MBFR STUDIES" (REFS A AND B).

2. UK REP (GERAHTY) SUGGESTED THAT SUB-SECTION (A) OF EACH ENTRY IN BASIC PAPER (REF C) BE SIMPLIFIED TO SHOW ONLY LATEST AGREED "REFERENCE" FOR EACH DOCUMENT, THE DATA EFFECTIVE DATE
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AND A POSSIBLE ADDITIONAL REF TO ON-GOING STUDIES.

3. SHAPE REP (RUSCH) SUGGESTED THAT SUB-SECTION (C) OF EACH ENTRY ON "PURPOSE OF PAPER" BE AMENDED TO BRING OUT THE STATUS

OF THE MCM AND NATO COMPANION VOLUMES AS BASIC SOURCES. WG CHAIRMAN (SMITH) SUGGESTED THAT THESE TWO VOLUMES SHOULD BE DESCRIBED AS HAVING THE PURPOSE "TO PROVIDE NATO AGREED DATA AS AN AID TO WORK AND STUDIES RELATED TO THE ALLIED APPROACH TO MBFR NEGOTIATIONS." THE PURPOSE OF THE NATO "BLUE BOOK" WILL READ: "AS A SUBSIDIARY DOCUMENT FROM WHICH DATA CAN BE EXTRACTED FOR USE IN MBFR STUDIES OF GROUND FORCES WHICH INCLUDE MANPOWER AND EQUIPMENT."

4. US REP (COLIN) SAID HE DID NOT YET HAVE SPECIFIC COMMENTS ON AC/276 (MBFR DATA)-WP(75)3 (REFS D AND E). HE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT EVEN AS A SUBSIDIARY SOURCE, THIS DOCUMENT GOES FAR AFIELD FROM MBFR. IT DEALS WITH MUCH MORE THAN THE NGA, IT TOUCHES ON MOBILIZATION PLANS AND LISTS EQUIPMENT THAT IS NOT INCLUDED IN PARAMETERS OF MBFR. HE SUGGESTED THAT IT BE DROPPED AS AN MBFR DOCUMENT. UK REP SAID HE THOUGHT DOCUMENT WAS USEFUL AND SHOULD BE RETAINED, ESPECIALLY AS IT PROVIDES DATA ON AIRCRAFT. US REP AGREED THAT DOCUMENT IS USEFUL FOR THREAT ANALYSIS, BUT SHOULD BE DROPPED FROM LIST OF MBFR DOCUMENTS. NETHERLANDS REP (VAN SHOOMHETEN) SUPPORTED US PROPOSAL. WG AGREED AD REFERENDUM TO DELETE AC/276(MBFR DATA)-WP(75)3 FRO LIST OF MBFR DOCUMENTS, BUT TO RETAIN STUDY FOR THREAT ANALYSIS USE. STREATOR

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